

Please substitute paragraph [0023], with the following paragraph. A marked-up copy of this paragraph, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

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[0023] As illustrated in Figs. 2 and 4, a face **20** of the connector **16** on top of the mount **1** has one or more holes or slots **18**, which receive bayonets **23** located on a mounting surface **24** of the crowning ornament **26** in a bayonet-style coupling. Of course, other alternatives for securing the ornament to the connector can be provided. --

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[0024] The connector **16** also preferably includes indentations **28** on its face **20** each for engaging a biasing leaf **22** extending from the mounting surface **24** of the crowning ornament **26**. The leaf **22** includes a protrusion **25** which interfits within the indentation **28** when the crowning ornament **26** is fully rotated with respect to the fitting head **10**. This action confirms that the bayonet coupling is complete and secure. --

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 2, 8 and 11 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the information recited therein. Please amend Claims 1, 6, and 9 as shown below. A marked-up version Claims 1, 6, and 9, showing the changes made thereto, is attached. Please note that all claims currently pending in this application are reproduced below for the Examiner's convenience regardless of whether the claim is being amended.

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1. (Amended) A tree-top mounting device, comprising:

a housing;
an elongated support slidably received within said housing;
a fitting head disposed at a distal end of said elongated support;
a fastener adapted to secure said housing to a tree; and